Greeted in South Carolina Capital by a A Deputy Sheriff Coming to Carry Great Outpouring.

NEGROES WERE DISAPPOINTED NORTH CAROLINA HISTORY

They Expected to Hear the Bell Ring When it Was Moved from the Train and Could Not Understand its Silence.

(By Associated Press.) CHARLESTON, S. C., Jan. 9.—Liberty Bell Day was celebrated with all the hon-ors. The city schools and many of the stores were closed, and citizens observed it as a general holiday. The weather was ideal, and not since the opening day has there been so splendid an outpouring

at the Exposition. The colonial chimes from the belfry of St. Miclael's pealed merry welcome to the historical bell from Philadelphia. The Lafayette Artislery fired a salute of thirteen guns. The bell, with its escort, Mayor Ashbridge and the Common Coun-cil of Philadelphia, arrived at 10 o'clock on the handsomest special train that has

ever come to Charleston.
NEGROES DISAPPOINTED.

Thousands crowded the station as the train rolled in. Among them were hundreds of colored people, who stood about the car bearing the bell with wide-open eyes and cars. When the bell was being removed from the car to the truck they expected it to ring, but they were doomed

The route of the procession lay through The route of the procession lay though Calhoun, Meeting and Rutledge Avenues to the Ivory City. The military escort included the First Artillery Band, the Garrison, on Sulivan's Island, United States marines from Camp Heywood, Citudel and Porter cadets, drum corps, Irish Volunteers, Washington Light in-faniry, Sumter Guards, riosuital corps, German Fusiliers, truck, German Artil-

When the parade reached the grounds the bell had already arrived, and as quickly as possible it was removed to the Philadelphia building, when a salute of thirteen guns was fired by the German

FORMAL EXERCISES.

The formal exercises were held in the Auditorium, which was crowded to the utmost. After prayer by the Rev. Dr. A. Toomer Porter, "My Country, 'Tis of Thee" was sung by 2,000 school children, and then came an address of welcome by Captain F. W. Wagner, president of the Exposition, who spoke briefly, but most appropriately. Mayor Smythe, of Charleston, followed, enthusiastically hailing the presence of the bell as a proof of good will between "these two great Com

phia and Charleston."
Mayor Ashbridge, of Philadelphia, responded in like vein, and was applauded to the echo. Other addresses were made by Hon. J. F. Ficken, Hon. George Mc Curdy, president of the Philade'phia Common Council, and Mr. F. G. Ravenel, collateral descendant of Edward Rut-ledge, a signer of the Declaration of In-

Carolina-and these two cities-Philadel-

onwealths-Pennsylvania and

Mr. McCurdy's speech was eloquent and inspiring, and was long and loudly ap-plauded. The exercises closed with the singing of "The Star Spangled Banner" by the school children, an address by Hon. Henry Clay, of the Select Council of Philadelphia, and chairman of the Committee on Exhibits in the Philadelphia building, and "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow," sung by school children and audience, with grand organ and military hand accompaniment

Scott-Pitts.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)
EASTVILLE, VA., Jan. 9.—Dr. Peter
F. Scott, a druggist of Franktown, and
Mrs. Louise E. Pitts were quietly married at the bride's home lyesterday. This
is the fourth marriage of Dr. Scott and
the second of Mrs. Scott.

LABOR LEADERS.

Notable Gathering of Them Lunched With the President.

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 9.—The President had with him at luncheon to-day the Attorney-General, the Secretary of Agriculture, and a notable gathering of representatives of organized labor. There were F. P. Sargent, chief of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen; E. E. Clark, grand chief conductor of the Order of Railway Conductors; P. H. Morrissey, grand master of the Brother-hood of Railway Trainmen; H. B. Par-ham, president of the Order of Railway Telegraphers, and A. B. Youngson, first assistant to P. M. Arthur, president of the Locomotive Engineers.

MISS ESREY'S HOME BURNED.

The Family Residence in Chester, Pa., Destroyed by I'e.

The home of Miss Margaret Esrey in Chester, Pa., was destroyed by fire a few nights ago.

According to the news received here the

house was a total loss, and of the household effects only the sliverware was saved. The family were not living at the home at the time, but were in Philadelphia spending the winter. Miss Esrey is well known in Richmond

having made many friends in the city during her visits her in the last two years. She was a favorite among the ladies riding at the Horse Show last fall, and when in Virginia is usually found following the hounds of the Deep Run Hunt Club.

AT THE RETREAT.

Steam-Heating Apparatus Being Put in the llospital.

At the Retreat for the Sick there is being installed a complete steam heat-ing apparatus, which will make the building in every way more comfortable and fill a long felt need. The hospital is more or less torn up with the repairs, but within the next two weeks will again be free from carpenters and plumbers and ready to begin work under improved conditions.

The new operating room will be opened at an earls date, and other improvements and fixtures will be ready for use.

DEATHS.

RUSSELL.—Died, at the residence of W. W. Russell, No. 1507 Grove Avenue, at 11:30 A. M., January 8th, BEN WARREN, only child of B. W. and Nellie O. Russell, aged five months and sixteen days

Funeral from the above residence TO-DAY (Friday), January 10th, at 4 P. M. Friends and acquaintances of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

WOODALL-Died, at the residence of her son, E. Frank Woodali, No. 1725 Floyd Avenue, at 3:20 P. M. Thursday, January 9, 1902, Mrs. HARRIET A. WOODALL, in the forty-seventh year of her age.
Funeral from West View Baptist
Church TO-DAY (Friday) at 3 P. M.
Friends and acquaintances invited.

AN EXTRADITION

Him Back.

All the Books Purchased for the State Library During the Year Were Written by Natives of the State-lavestigation by las

saue Asylum Board.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.) RALEARI, N. C., Jan. 9.—The Gov-Governor or Virginia for John Byrd is wanted here for bigamy. He left Ra-leigh for Richmond, Va., four months ago, and is now under arrest there. It has developed that he has two wives in his State, his last being Emma Lee, of

this city.

The first wife was Sallie Hunt Byrd, of Panther Branch. A deputy sheriff left to-day for Richmond to bring the much-iy married man back to Raleigh.

AN INVESTIGATION. The Executive Committee of the Cen-tral Hospital for the Insane in this city met this morning to investigate the con-cition of the institution. They report that the hospital is taxed beyond its capacity and that there are over one hun-dred applications of an urgent character on file. An extensive addition to buildings, they say, is an imperative ne-cessity. Eleven patients were dismissed as cured during the past month

The annual report of the State Libra-rian to Governor Aycock shows that special attention is being given now to accumulation of books and pamphlets written about North Carolina, or by North Carolinians. All books purchased during the past year have been of this character. There were 375 volumes added during that period.

A LARGE VENIRE.

A special venire of 100 men is being ummoned from which to select a jury to try Henry Perry next Monday in Wake Superior Court, for the capital offense of criminal assault upon his own daughter. The victim and her grand-mother are the principal witnesses for the prosecution.

BANKRUPCY. An involuntary petition in bankruptcy was filed in the District Court here yesterday against S. Copton, who conducts a big department store in Durham. The assets are \$12,000 and the liabilities \$25,000.

OBITUARY.

Mrs. Harriet A. Woodalf.

Mrs. Harriet A . Woodall died at 3:30 P. M. yesterday at the residence of her son. Mr. E. Frank Woodall, No. 17:5 Floyd Avenue. She had been in failing health for sometime.

Mrs. Woodall was before her marriage
Miss Harriet Williams, of Washington.

Her father was a well known manufacurer of that city. Five children survive her, as follows:

Messrs, George W., R. Clifford, E. Frank N. Barry and Zach E. Woodall and Miss Alma Woodall.

The funeral will take place from West View Baptist Church at 3 P. M. tolay.

Mrs. M. C. Luckhard.

Mrs. M. C. Luckhard, died Wednesday morning at the home of Mrs. L. A. Guthrow, No. 1308 West Cary Street, Mrs. Luckhard was 77 years of age, and a most estimable woman. The funeral will take place to-day from Jerusalem Methodist Church, King William county. Funeral Services.

The funeral of Mr. W. N. Thompson, who was killed in the accident near Who was knied in the accident hear Lynchburg on the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway, took place in Raleigh, N. C., esterday morning. The family of the deceased, his wife, daughter, Miss Rowena Thompson, and son, Cornelius Thompson, were present at the service.

W. N. Shor .. (Special Dispatch to The Times.)
LAWRENCEVILLE, VA., Jan. 9.—William Mallory Short died at his home near Zingara, in this county, yesterday. He was a prominent and respected citizen in his fifty-fifth year. Mr. Short had been in bad health for the past few years, yet his death comes as a shock to his family and friends.

As a boy, he entered the Confederate army and served with distinction as a deutenant during the last year of the Civil War.

After the war he was associated for many years in the mercantile business at Smoky Ordinary, with the late Dr. G. M. Raney, whose daughter he married. Born of distinguished Democratic ancestry, he was always a Democrat, and was prominent in the councils of the party in State, county and district matters, and was a member of the Electoral Board of the county at the time of his death. He was an affectionate father, a true and faithful husband, a zealous and and faithful husband. a Zealous and a citizen without reproach. He leaves a widow and several children. His good gray head, his genial and affectionate nature, his courteous hespitality and his many virtues will long be held in gental and affectionate many virtues will long be held in gental to the property of the property relations.

tle remembrance by his numerous relatives and friends. James Lane Green.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.) FREDERICKSBURG, VA., Jan. 9 .- Mr. James Lane Green, a prominent citizen, died at his home here this afternoon, after a lingering illness, aged 72 years. He is survived by a widow, who was Miss Anna Page Whittemere, daughter of the late John M. Whittemore, and five children, Messrs, Duff, Charles, John M. and F. W. Green, and Miss Mary Green, al of this city. Two brothers, Messrs, Alex-exander and Charles Green, and one sis-ter, Mrs. Dr. L. A. Ashton, all three of Dallas, Texas, also survive him.

Miss Rebecca Luckett. (Special Dispatch to The Times.)

LEESBURG, VA., Jan. 9.-Miss Rebecca uckett died quite suddenly of pneumonia at the home of Mr. J. T. McGavack Tuesday morning. Miss Luckett, who was a sister of Mrs. W. H. Luckett, of Goresville, this county, and a daughter of the late Samuel Luckett, for many years sheriff of the county, had gone to Mr. McGavack's on a visit when she was taken ill. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church. Her funeral took place from Mr. McGavack's residence to-day, the Rev. E. L. Wilson officiating.

Thomas Sclater.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

NEWPORT NEWS, VA., Jan. 9.—Mr.

Thomas Solater, one of the oldest and best known residents of Hampton, died this afternoon shortly after 1 o'clock at the home of his step-son, Attorney Fay S. Collier; aged eighty-seven. He leaves a wife, three children and

four step-children. He was born in Hampton and lived there all his life. He Note.—This is no fable—but is true: was a Confederate veteran, having served through the war with distinction. After the war he engaged in the mercantile business, and only retired several years

MR CABELL FOR JOHN BYRD | CHOSEN PRESIDEN

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of most happy surroundings, and while the chief magistrate was engaged in the gracious occupation of shaking hands with the multitude of citizens there as embled. The country was thrown into act, but also because the President, by his amiable disposition and conservative actions, had endeared himself to every citizens of this great nation. But while every heart was touched with sympathy yet even so dreadful a crime had no dis trous consequences to business interests, thus giving he stronget evidence of its impregnable position and the in-herent strength of this Government.

In this triumphant march of progress and material prosperity Richmond has kept pace, and every citizen must ac-knowledge, of he be the least observing that never becore in the history of this city has its future been as bright as it is to-day. It almost seems that our vision may be at fault when we stop on our businoss streets for a few moment and see the vast throng of people hurrying here and there, busily occupied and especially at .ne twilight hour, when we find the army of toiers, the people who make a city, wending their way to their homes, from the ofnce, the work-snop and the factory, either on the cars

or on foot. The charge that has come has been so great as compared with a few short years ago, that we might well believe it is a dream. But no, it is a reality, ours is a busy community, and the city of Richmond has reached a point where it may be truly classed as one of the metropolitan cities of this country. In this great development, and especially in the increase of our industrial and commercial importance, it is our pride that we can assert that the Chamber of Com-merce has indeed been a great factor in bringing about the present healthy and rosperous conditions EXTENSION OF CORPORATE LIMITS.

In any last annual report I referred to the small increase in our population, as shown by the returns of the census enumerators, and the consequent agita-tion for an extension of our corporate limits, so that the suburban population, which numbers about one-sixth of that of Richmond, should be embraced within the city, where it properly belongs. I also advised you that at an early unter there would be held a public meeting by the Chamber when this question would be discussed by representative citizens. Such a meeting was held in this hall on February 12th. It was well attended, and the speakers on both sides were list-ened to with careful attention. Like all measures involving a change, it was sub-jected to considerable criticism because facts brought out during the discussion demonstrated that the city had not done its part towards he property owners in what is known as "Lee District." But the wisdom of holding our meeting has been made manifest by the sudden activity in surburban property, which began almost immediately after our meeting, and to-day we find a large number of handsome residences being erected what was waste ground twelve months ago. It proves beyond a doubt that a fair and public discussion of matters relating to our interests as a community invariably brings forth good results. There is no place where such full and free discussions can be held except the

The question of extending our corporate limits has now been aken up by the City Council, which will, during this session of the Legislature, endeavor to obtain the passage of an enabling act to carry out this measure. It should, however, be stated that many of our fellow-citizens residing in the county are opposed to the project, and the gentle-men who represented that view at our meeting, and whose ability and sincerity of purpose no one can or w... question, advanced very strong reasons why the county desires to be let alone. The main ground of opposition however, lies in the fact that the city had not done its part for the territory it had acquired, hence, judging the future by the past, they assumed the county had everything to lose and nothing to gain by the change, A plausible argument indeed, but if the policy of the City Government has not been what it should be there is no rea-son why a change cannot and should not be made. I am in favor of "Greater Richmond." but I want it attained upon a just and equitable basis. The unbusi-ness-like policy of our city legislators in the matter of dividing the street improvement fund must be changed, and the money expended where it is needed most. money expended where it is needed most It is to be regretted that this palpable mistake has not long since been corrected, but constant agitation will bring about the desired change, and once ac-complished, the greatest obstacle to annexation will have been removed, and the people of the city and county will

Chamber of Commerce.

get together on the question, which will redound to the benefit of all. INDUSTRIAL CENSUS. After active correspondence with the Census Office, and with the assistance of Hon. John Lamb, I have succeeded in securing "a preliminary statement, re-garding the manufacturing industries of the State of Virginia, and the cities of Norfolk, Petersburg, Richmond and Roanoke." Our enterprizing papers have already obtained the figures in this state-ment and made reference to them. A brief allusion, however, on my part will not be out of place as showing the magni-tude and importance of Richmond's manufacturing interests. While the thre other cities named have in the aggregate other cities named have in the aggregate a number of industries about 3 1-2 per cent, in excess of the number of Rich-mond industries, those of Richmond have 67 1-2 per cent, greater amount of capi-tal, employ 42 3-4 per cent, larger num-ber of wage-earners, pay 36 1-2per sent, more wages and turn out products valued at about 34 per cen., more than the in-dustries of Lie other three cities com-bined. But the above figures for this city's industries include only those within its corporate limits, while a great number are just beyong those limits, in-cluding some of the largest, such as the Locomotive Works, the Fertilizer Works, the Cedar Works, etc., but without ex-

MIRROR, SCALES, ETC.

There was a man. And his mirror said "sallow skin," And the scales said "losing weight." And his friends did wag their heads as he passed by. But being a prudent man he forthwith swallowed daily certain pleasant doses of Scott's Emulsion.

Then his mirror said "ruddy face." And the scales sunk beneath his weight. And his friends looked upon him with

history), We'll send you a little to try, if you like.
SCOTT & BOWNE, 409 Pearl street, New York.

ception nearly all are owned and con-trolled by citizens of aichmond, and for all purposes are practically Richmond enterprises. If it be assumed as is be-lieved to be true, that most of Peters-burg's industries are within its corporate interprises. imits, that Norfolk, in the recent ex-ension of its corporate limits included most of the industries in that locality, and that Roanoke, a comparatively new city, was laid out in such generous pro-portions as to accommodate the indus-cries there, and we take the figures from ir papers of January Ist, which include e industries just outside of Richmond

we find the statement radically changed an from the flattering one above. Upon that view of the case, rachmonu has a larger number of industries by 78 per sent, a greater amount of capital utilized by 92 1-2 per cent., more wage-earners employed by 138 per cent. and an excess n value of output by 159 per cent, over the three cities mentioned combined. In-deed, it employs 33 1-2 per cent. of the wage-earners, and turns out 42 per cent. of the manufactured products o, the entire State of Virginia. Again, can any stronger or more emphatic argument be presented for a wise and well concerted novement for the extention of the city's

MANUFACTURES AND JOBBING

its facilities.

TRADE.

The Locomotive Works and the W. R.

Trigg Company, have been kept very
busy. The latter company has been busy. The latter company has been at work during the entire year enlarging

The Virginia Electric Railway and Development Company turned on its elec-tric current on April 7th, of last year and are now furnishing motive power to many enterprises. All other manufac-turing establishments are working to turing establishments are working to the limit of their capacity and are doing a healthy business.

I beg to call your attention to the in crease in the amount of our manufac tured products, which reached the sum of \$55,958,105, an increase in 1901 over the previous year of \$7,096,241. Our jobbing trade also shows a gratifying improve ment; for the same period, the amount of sales being \$41,375,000 or \$2,738,306 over the previous year. These wholesale transactions, with the addition of retail sales, by a close estimate, placed at about \$14,000,000, indicate a business for the yea under review of some \$111,333,105, with possibly some unclassified lines of business omitted.

OUR BANKING INTERESTS. The financial institutions of Richmond, whose operation is a sure reflex of other business transactions, have to such an extent increased as to afford confirmation of the marked improvement indi cated above. Our bank clearings for the year 1901, reached the unprecedented sum of \$198,091,536 or \$22,554,000 over the previous year, and in this respect Richmond now ranks third among the cities of the South, being excelled only by New Or-leans and Louisville. The deposits by the latest statements amounted to \$19, 725,343.17, and total assets to \$30,345,302.14. Notwithstanding this large volume of

business, the number of failures in 1901 was only sixteen, with liabilities aggre-gating \$194,782, making the ratio of defaults to the business of the year \$1.75 to With this exhibit we can feel well as

sured that we are not retrograding but steadily progressing. NEW BUILDINGS.

During the year many large and im-posing buildings have been erected, one of which is the Mechanics' Institute. Too much cannot be said of the unsel fish devotion of the managers of this noble institution, who, with undaunted courage, have at last succeeded in having a building erected commensurate with its ever-increasing needs.

They have been ably seconded in their efforts by a corps of instructors devoted to their duties and who rejoice to see the great good wrought by their work. Hundreds of young men, who being com pelled to earn their bread before they could receive a complete education, have thus been enabled to acquire knowledge whereby they can reach the highest po-sitions in the mechanical departments o

great manufacturing establishments. The American Cigar Company The American Cigar Company are erecting a mammoth plant on the site of the warehouse recently destroyed by fire and the adjoining lots, their building will now cover an entire square. Murphy's Hotel has been enlarged by

the erection of a six-story building on the opposite corner, doubling the ori ginal accommodation for guests.

Other buildings approaching comple tion are the Virginia and Carolina Chem ical Company's office building, the pow er building erected by the Richmond In dustrial Company, something new in this section, and which has for its purpose th letting of power to a number of small manufacturers, who can occupy building and whose expenses will be materially reduced.

In addition to these there have been and are now being erected throughout the city many new residences-in fact the building trade has been and is taxed to its utmost capacity to carry out con tracts.

THE CARNEGIE LIBRARY. Early in the year we were informed that through correspondence had by our fellow-citizen, Mr. Robert Whittet, Sr., with the great philanthropist, Mr. Andrey Carnegie, the latter gentleman had agreed to donate to this city \$100,000 for a public library, provided certain condi-tions were complied with.. The Board of Directors of the Chamber after thorough discussion, endorsed the movement, and the City Council decided to comply with the conditions, and we may soon hope to see the building erected and the library established which is one of the

necessities of a progressive community.
OUR NEW DEPOT. This imposing building, jointly erected by the Chesapeake and Ohio and the Seaboard Air Line, is now occupied by thes-companies and the public has commo dious and up-to-date accommodations. To see the improvements made by these companies in the terminal facilities, and the viaduct along the river front, on which millions have been spent, is a rev elation to all and ought forever to si lence chronic grumblers who never can or will realize that the city is growing but are constantly sounding the praises of some other city than their own.

IMPROVEMENT OF JAMES RIVER. In my last report I made mention of the visit to this city by the River and Harbor Committee of Congress, and to the prospect that our long cherished hopes with respect to this all important work would at last be realized. Unfor tunately for this and many other commu-nites throughout the land, the River and Harbor bill pending before Congress at its last session, failed of passage, and therefore we have to wait for the fruition of our hopes upon the action of the pres-ent Congress. We feel encouraged that before another twelve months we shall have achieved what we have so long and patiently been laboring for.

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION.

One of the events in the history of this

Commonwealth was the assembling of the Constitutional Convention in June last for the purpose of framing a new Constitution. The people had determined to elect representative citizens for this work. Indeed, it is a notable gathering of men seldom equaled as a body. Naturally a change of the organic law must be of the greatest importance to our ommercial interests, and the Chamber in conjunction with similar bodies through out the State, endeavored to bring to the attention of the convention necessary neasures for the protection of those in terests.

 W_0 asked for relief under the Home-stead Exemption Law and also for the enactment of a Corporation Commission for the regulation of common carriers.

special meeting of the Chamber had been held, at which the measures was ably discussed on both sides. We tendered the courtesies of the Chamber to the members of the Conventon and also a complimentary excui slon down the historic James river as far as Dutch Gap, which was participated in and enjoyed by many of its CARNIVAL AND STREET FAIR.

This novel entertainment which was so successfully conducted in 1900, was re-peated during the second week in October of the past year. It brought an im-mense crowd of people to this city, who thoroughly enjoyed the entire week and it may be cited as remarkable that no accident or fire occurred to mar the pleasure of our guests. At the same time there was held the horse-show, conducte by the "Richmond Horse-Show Associawhich was also an unqualified sucess The Carnival Association, unde whose auspices the Street-Fair was held leserves the highest praise and commendation for their untiring labors and good management. Whether or not the Street Fair will be succeeded by some other form of entertainment, it is cer-tain we have never seen a more energeti-and unselfish body of men engaged in dvertising our city than the Board of Directors of the Carnival Association. The Chamber again had a booth of Broad Street, where strangers were made welcome, and pamphlets descriptive of Richmond and its business were freely

THE TER-CENTENNIAL EXPOSITION. In the year 1907 will occur the three hundredth anniversary of the settlement of Jamestown, and of course such an histeric event, which concerns the people of the entire civilized world, should be properly commemorated. Our Committee on Expositions has given this subject considerable thought, and when his Ex-cellency, the Governor, issued his proclanation on November 19th, calling unor the various cities and commercial bodies in this Commonwealth to offer to the Legislature suggestions as to the form of the celebration which should be had wo at once appointed a select committee, which, together with our standing Committee on Expositions, was requested to consider this matter and report in con formity with the proclamation of the Governor. The committee went actively o work, and recognizing the magnitude of the propositions such an undertaking would assume, they proceeded with due caution to consider the question in all of its relations. To our surprise there was introduced both in the Senate and House of Delegates on the 1st day of the session, December 4th, a bill asking for a charter incorporating the Jamestown Ex-position Company, which was to be invested with the exclusive privilege for the holding of an exposition in 1907, and containing other provisions whereby the people located on Hampton Roads and the vicinity would have permanent and exclusive control, thereby depriving all of the rest of the people of Virginia from taking a proper part in managing this great enterprise. A special meeting of the Chamber was convened, at which resolutions were adopted calling upon the City Council, the Board of Aldermen and the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities to unite with us n protesting against the passage of the bill at this time, and to have its consideration postponed so that suitable plans might be evolved whereby this stupendous undertaking could be carried through successfully. Our friends from Tidewater were thoroughly organized, and though the bill passed the Senate, it was decided by the committee of the House of Delegates having charge of it to postpone consideration until February, which is all that we had asked for. Our thanks

n carrying out the object of the resolution adopted at our meeting. We wish to assert in the most positive terms that this is not a fight of Richnond versus Norfolk; on the contrary ve commend the activity of our neigh bors, and just such energy as was dis-played in this contest must produce eventually the best results.

are due Hon. George Wayne Anderson, of the Senate, and Hon. Samuel L. Kelley of the House of Delegates of Virginia, to

he committee from the Chamber, and

the bodies named for their untiring

But we do say that this undertaking is oo large in its scope and its possibilities to be rushed through without having the most searching and careful considera-tion. It will require right now, more than at any other time during its progress, the wisest and best counsel of conservative men. Above all, do not let any jealous feelings be engendered at its inception. which will mar, or perhaps destroy, our chances for success. No, the subject is a noble one, and as our ideal we should

We must present a solid front, and then only can we hope to stand before the people of the world and show them the marvelous changes which time has wrought. The citizens of this State are linked together by ties which cannot be broken, we rejoice in each other's proserity, sympathize in each other's mis fortunes, and in this mammoth under-taking all the people of the State should be governed by but one ambition, and that who can best work and how we can est agree.

Thus we shall be able to surmount the greatest difficulties and make the cele-bration in 1907 an unparalleled success. THE HOTEL "JEFFERSON."

Amidst the numerous evidences of our naterial progress, as shown on every ide, it is sad to record the fact that this city was visited during the past year by several disastrous fires, none of which, nowever, caused the great loss entailed by that of the Hotel Jefferson, which occurred on March 29th. This magnificent structure, erected a few years ago by our late fellow-citizens, Major Lewis Ginter and Mr. John Pope, who spared no money to make this hotel the finest in the South was in a few hours almost totally de-stroyed. Seldom has the community been so aroused as it was at this appalling disaster, and all of our citizens are deeply sensible of the loss. It was the pride of our city, and gave Richmond an internaional advertisement. In my humble judgment, good hotels

lo more to attract foreign capital to a city than anything else, because the investor, if he is able to secure good acecmmodations, will stop long enough to see what the city has to offer, and often concludes to remain if surroundings are tions, which had done such good work during 1900, had to suspend its labors be-cause our hotels could not take care of the large bodies that gathered at such The Chamber met the morn ng after the fire and tendered the Jef-erson Hotel Company its profound sympathy, and assured it of any aid that we could render. We congratulate the citizens of Richmond that we are assured that the "Jefferson" will before long be restored to its original grandeur, in addition to which we have already Murphy's enlarged hotel, while two other commo dlous hotels will be erected during this year, so that we shall be prepared to ac-comodate all the people who may come here with delightful quarters. I believe t is to the interest of the city to assist these enterprises in every possible way consistent with justice and equity towards its tax-payers.

JACKSONVILLE SUFFERERS. During the past year another of our sister cities in the South met with a great calamity. A large part of the city of Jacksonville, Fla., was destroyed by fire or May 3d. The Chamber at once wire its sympathy and proffered its aid. The necessity for help being made known to us, we immediately appointed committees, who worked nobly, and our city was among the first to respond to the appeal of the stricken city by sending the neat um of \$2,523.61

lcipated by me when its preparation was ommenced, but in reviewing the past welve months I found myself, so to speak, confronted with an embarrassment of riches, and I was at a loss to decid what to exclude from a record so replete

with gratifying achievements. In conclusion, I beg to direct your at ention to a subject which I hope and believe appeals to us all most strongly, or otherwise we should not be present

ere this evening.
THE AFFAIRS OF THE CHAMBE1 At our last annual meeting I reported a gratifying increase, which brought the membership of the Chamber up to 623, and expressed the hope that with your assistance we might secure 1,000 members. I sincerely regret that through no ack of effort, it has been impossible to recruit our strength, and I can only report about 600 members on our rolls. This is a disappointment to me, because I had hoped for better results. It is inconceivable why men engaged in business and otherwise liberal in their expenditures will plead necessity of economy when asked to join the Chamber Your Board of Directors has met regu-larly even during the summer months, our work has borne fruit, and if there be still some who are not convinced as to the usefulness of our organization, and I know they must be few indeed, let me present but a few matters with which he Chamber has dealt during the past

We succeeded in bringing back the office of the Collector of Internal Revenue

for this district.

We succeeded in increasing the imports for this port, our Committee on Commerce having called the attention of our importers to the advantages of entering their consignments at Richmond, instead of at other points, as here-

tofore.

We were instrumental in having the pecial agent for the Internal Revenue Department locate his office here.
We succeeded, through the able efforts
of our Committee on "Business Enterprises." In bringing to this city a large

number of merchants from the South who had never been here before, and who purchased their supplies here. The long-promised early out-going trains on the various railroads have been established largely through the persistent efforts of the Chamber.

We were active in inducing the Constitutional Convention to remain in Richmond, though inducements were offered by several other localities claiming their ability to furnish better accommedations.

The public meeting held on the subect of "Annexation" already referred o was supplemented by another held on May 9th, and addressed by our accombished fellow-citizen, Virginius Newton, Esq., on "Taxation." His masterly pre-sentation of the subject created a prosentation of the subject created a pro-found impression throughout the State.

I doubt not that some of the ideas then resented will be embodied in our organic law. We published and distributed the very

ble addresdes delivered on Day" at Buffalo by His Excellency the Governor, Hon. Joseph Bryan and Professor George W. Miles, which ought to ttract the investing public from all discounting the contract the second discounting the contract the second discounting to the contract the second discounting the contract the co ections. The immense undeveloped resources of our State, together with the ducational and social advantages acquired through centuries, must inevitably make Virginia the ideal spot for the wealthy, and those of moderate means

We have initiated several matters no ret completed of vast importance to our city, and have done hundreds of other hings which have come under our con-A central and thoroughly equipped or

ganization like ours is of untold benefit, of only to this community, but to the State at large. Our fellow-citizens, howver, for whom we constantly labor, and whose interests are daily looked after, must assist by their contributions and heir thought and experience. Perhaps it may not have occurred to you that while the expenses of conducting business and of personal living have increas-ed materially in recent years, yet the dues to the Chamber have remained the same. We are doing to-day work many imes over what was done by the Chamber ten or fifteen years ago, and, of urse we must either increase our mem bership or our dues. Funds are needed to carry on our work, and it is not fair o call upon the same people all the time o meet special demands. All that is neessary is to speak a good word for the hamber when the opportunity presents itself, and to urge your friends to join our ranks. For the past year we have heard a great deal about "community of interests" which the large railroad sys-tems have established. Let us adopt 'community of interests" as the slogan principle can be carried out to the advantage of all. With the sentiment premiling, we should increase our membership until we have at least 1,000 members

THE TRAFFIC BUREAU. All that has been said in reference to the Chamber applies equally to our Traf-fic Bureau, with the exception that its work concerns directly the shippers only. But right there it must appeal to ever one when you consider that if trade is diverted to other channels it paralyzes our progress. The bureau has also done effective work during the year, and its efficiency and power has been demonstrated in many instances. Our manager has labored with untiring zeal, and is ever ready to take up any matter within the province of his department. It is remarkable how other cities appreciate the importance of such agencies-aye, in several places regular appropriations are made by the city governments towards their maintenance. It stands to reason that unless we are ever watchful for gainst us that the potency of Richmond as a market may be hampered, if not de troyed, and the lost ground may never

ipon our rolls

be regained. This department was not created upor the Chamber's initiative, but upon the prominent shippers, on the ground that it was of vital importance to the busi-ness interests of Richmond; but having been created, those who have taken the trouble to acquaint themselves with its worth and value, or to avail themselves of its services, are profoundly convinced of the necessity of its being. A point has, however, been reached

when all who have the good of the city and Chamber at heart should rally to its support. It is in need both of greater moral and financial support, especially the latter. It was organized after full consiedration by the Board of Directors of the Chamber, at several meetings called to consider the question, and upon ines determined by a large committee. composed of our most prominent and influential citizens. The method adopted for raising the necessary funds for its establishment and conduct was to appor-tion the expense among the different branches of trade and manufacture upon the basis of the amount of their trans-actions, respectively, and it was found. at the time of its organization, that if merchants and manufacturers doing \$59,000,000.00 worth of business per annum. expected to participate, would contribute 1-100 of 1 per cent. or say 10 cents on every \$1,900 worth of business done, that the estimated annual expense of operatng the bureau could be raised. It has, however, actually been operated at an expense of about \$3,600 per annum, or about 7 1-2 cents per thousand dollars of ousiness done by those expected to contribute. But now since the volume of our business has so increased and our nerchants and manufacturers have en-This report has exceeded the limits an- I joyed almost universal prosperity they of police in Bluefield a few years ago.

could well afford to increase their sub-

Shall this small contribution be with-

held from so useful and indispensable an agency? I say no. Every progressive city of the South has found it necesary to establish such a bureau, and I assert without fear of contradiction that not one has been operated more economically and that not one has accomplished more important results. And these results once accomplished, remain a continuing benefit, so long as not disturbed. It is impossible within the compass of this reof the benefit derived, but with the earnestness that comes from profound convic tion I invoke your cheerful and liberal support of the bureau, that its usefulness may not be impaired, its efforts not cripand the reputation of the Chamber for influence, and that of the business community for enterprise, may not be prejudiced by lukewarmness and indiffer-ence about this matter; on the contrary I pray you by every consideration to respond to his appeal. To more effectually accomplish the object of placing the pureau upon a more efficient and permanent basis, I suggest the appointment again of a large and influential committee, to co-operate with the incoming Board and Inland Trade Committee in this connection. I feel it only necessary to bring conviction home to the minds of our business men to solve this problem at nce and to relieve my succes other executive officers of the Chamber of the distressing burden, which I and my predecessors have experienced in this con-nection. It is a doubtful compliment and honor to impose the responsibilities of these offices in the Chamber upon its members and then to withhold the moral and financial support necessary to meet

I again urge you to be liberal in sustaining this useful adjunct of the Cham-

them fully.

I would suggest that the Chamber ought to always be officially recognized at any public function. In making this suggestion. I am actuated by no selfish motives, because as I am about to sever my relations I cannot be accused of self-conceit, or desire for personal advancement, but I fully believe that it will add to the dignity and importance of the Chamber if this suggestion shall be in future carried

I also suggest the creation of a standing ommittee on "Schools and Colleges." Richmond is now recognized as an educational center, and a committee composed of men thoroughly acquainted with the needs for higher education can accomplish great good for the advancement of our well-governed institutions of learning. I further suggest the abolishment of all

unnecessary standing committees, so that the standing committees of the Chamber shall be composed only of such as have questions to handle that are for the good of the city or the Chamber.

To my colleagues on the Board I beg to

return my sincere thanks for their loyal support, and to our able secretary I am deeply grateful for his invariable courtesy and kind assistance.

And now, gentlemen, my work is done

and my record as your president for the past two years becomes part of the his-tory of our organization. I trust I shall retain your confidence and respect, which I have enjoyed during my incumbency of this high office. When I reflect upon my labors, I feel conscious of having done the best I could. My time and thought has been constantly employed in the great cause of our organization, and as I now again take my place in the ranks. I wish to enlist your cordial support of my successor, with an earnest hope that the Chamber will go on to in-crease in usefulness for the advancement of this, our beautiful and historic city.

Very respectfully sut mitted, I. Z. MORRIS. (Signed)

AFFAIRS AT BLACKSBURG.

The Building of a Railroad to the Town is

Expected. (Special Dispatch to The Times.) BLACKSBURG, VA., Jan. 9 .- Miss Elfa Dawson and Mr. W. A. Croy were mar-

ried during the holidays. Mr. James P. Preston, an old Confederate soldier, died here a few days ago and was buried in the Smithfield burying ground, near Blacksburg, Mr. Preston was the last member of the family of General Robert Preston. He was a consist-ent member of the Methodist Church and Royal Arch Mason. At the time of death he was suffering with an attack of asthma. He was a cousin of the late Judge Waller R. Staples and of Captain Hugh C. Preston, of Radford. Mr. Pres-ton Means and Captain Preston, of Radford were the only two relatives here

at the time of his funeral. He was be-loved by all who knew him. The proposed railroad between this point and Christiansburg, if built, will make Blacksburg grow rapidly, not that it has not been steadily building ail the time, but it will be more of a sum-mer ressort than heretofore, because it will be more accessible.

CROZET ON A BOOM.

Probability of an Electric Line Up the Rich Rockfish Valley.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

CROZET, VA., Jan. 9 .- Crozet is on & oom. New residences are building up all around. Everything presents a look of thrift and enterprise. It is currently reported at Nelly's Ford, in Nelson country, that the Rockfish Mining and Milling ompany are trying to interest capitalists n a proposed electric railway from Nelly's Ford to Crozet. The above company has a copper mine at Nelly's Ford, and it is reported that they have struck it rich. Shrould this trolley line be made it will open up one of the finest valleys in vir-

Mrs. Vawter, wife of Prof. Charles E. Vawter, of the Miller school, is reported etter to-day. She has been very ill with pneumonia.

SMALLPOX PATIENT SHOT.

Died from Wounds Inflicted by a Quard-Was Delirious.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.) BRAMWELL, W. VA., Jan. 9 .- Aleck

Nowlin died yesterday from a severe gunshot wound received from Special Guard W. A. Jones. Nowlin had the smallpox and was quarantined about three-fourths if a mile from here on the way to Cooper. He was in the hospital with about thirty patients. Frequently delirious, he walked out of the hospital in this condition, and paid no attention to Jones' orders to stop. He was shot, some sixty or seventy No. 4 shot lodging in the upper thigh, hip and side up to the ribs. After lin-gering in great pain for something over

day, he died. The case is exciting no little emphatic criticists in view of the facts. No immune was in the quarantine that night None of the six or eight guards are im-mune, and yet it would be easy to secure wenty-five or more immunes in a few hours at the utmost

Young Nowlin came here four years ago and "went into a coal bank." as the miners speak of digging coal. He was \$1,700. The smallpox is bad, but many of our

best laborers have cause to wonder if an inefficient and careless police system in connection with it is not worse. Cap-tain Jones, not being immune, was not suitable as a guard. He was the chief